

Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2002 Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee

Attendees:

- 1. Prevailing Wage Business and Labor Committee Members.** Kathleen Garrity (Associated Builders and Contractors), Rick Slunaker (Associated General Contractors), Roger Boatwright (Building Trades Council), Alan Darr (Operating Engineers), and Peter Coates (King County Building Trades)
- 2. Public Agency Participants.** Chuck Moser (Grant County PUD), Craig McDaniel (Department of Transportation), and Dave Spellman (Employment Security)
- 3. L&I Staff.** Patrick Woods, Ernie LaPalm, Rich Ervin, Jim Christensen, Cindy Hanson, Mike Ratko, Steve Pierce, and Josh Swanson
- 4. Other Participants.** Dick Springer, Barry Riedesel, Otto Herman, David Johnson, Philip Lindquist, Dave O'Meara, Diana Merritt, Paulo Da Cruz, Troy Andrews, John Mohlis, Paul Ingham, Darren O'Neil, Craig McDaniel, Chuck Moser, John Swartz, and Tom Lash

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Introductions and opening remarks	<p>All meeting participants introduced themselves and who they represent.</p> <p>L&I provided an overview of several of the efforts that have been completed and are underway for the prevailing wage program. Efforts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintaining the processing of intents and affidavits to 5 days or less, • The success of the Prevailing Wage Internet Application and the fact that 8% of all intents and affidavits are being done via the Internet. • The exposure that prevailing wage was given this last legislative session and the inclusion of it as part of the transportation efforts that passed this last legislative session. • Improving our compliance efforts in the floor covering and other industries. • Aligning the prevailing wage and apprenticeship programs. <p>L&I also informed the Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee (PWAC) of its commitment to utilize these meetings as a means of addressing issues in prevailing wage and ensuring that we are providing the expected services of our customers.</p>	Not applicable.	Not applicable.

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<p>Committee structure, attendance, and mailing list.</p> <p>and</p> <p>Meeting schedule for rest of calendar year.</p>	<p>L&I discussed that the Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee (PWAC) was formed as a department and stakeholder work group and forum for discussing and addressing prevailing wage and public works issues. The committee is advisory only and is not a required committee by law. Meeting attendance is open to every interested party, however, L&I has established as its official members 9 positions (3 for Public Agencies, 3 for Labor, and 3 for Employers). The PWAC regular meeting frequency is normally on a quarterly basis. Special meetings and special work groups may be appointed according to business needs.</p> <p>Meeting dates, times, and locations were discussed and the PWAC agreed on the next meeting date. Also, the frequency of meetings and the use of subcommittees (on an as needed basis) were discussed. L&I will have a list of meeting dates prepared for the PWAC at the June meeting and agreed that subcommittee/working groups should be used as needed.</p>	<p>1. Committee Structure. The business members are Rick Slunacker (AGC), Kathleen Garrity (ABC), and <u>a third member to be identified by the business representatives</u>. Roger Boatwright (Building Trades Council), Alan Darr (Operating Engineers), and Peter Coates (King County Building Trades)</p> <p>2. Meeting Dates. The next scheduled meeting is June 27th (9am to 12 p.m.) at Labor and Industries in Tumwater. By our next meeting the department will have a meeting schedule for the next 12 months. The meeting dates will also be posted on the Internet and in the Washington State Register.</p> <p>3. Mailing List. The program will send notices to re-register for the mailing list to all mailing list parties. Notice non-respondents will be removed from the list.</p>	<p>June 27, 2002</p> <p>June 27, 2002</p> <p>June 2002</p>
<p>Transportation/ wage survey analysis and report.</p>	<p>L&I provided copies of Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 2304 – a bill with prevailing wage impacts that passed the 2002 legislative session and was signed into law. A summary of the bill was given as well as L&I’s current and future plans to implement the legislation. L&I also requested the PWAC’s input on how they would like to be involved with the development of the prevailing wage assessment that the bill requires to be completed by December 1, 2002 under the bill.</p> <p>Members of the PWAC recommended establishing a work group to meet and discuss the expectations of the assessment. Rick Slunaker and Peter Coates volunteered to assist. Department of Transportation also will attend. L&I may also invite legislative caucus and committee staff to participate in this meeting.</p>	<p>Department to host a meeting with Rick Slunaker, Peter Coates, Department of Transportation, and possibly legislative caucus and committee staff. L&I will report back on the findings and discussion of this meeting and the plans for completing the assessment at the June PWAC meeting.</p>	<p>May/June with a report back to the PWAC on June 27, 2002.</p>

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Update on surveys	<p>L&I provided a report on the prevailing wage 14 surveys that have been completed to date and are scheduled to be completed for publication in 2002. A copy of the most recent survey (painters, drywall tapers, glaziers, soft floor layers, tile setters, tile finishers, and traffic control strippers) was provided to the PWAC.</p> <p>L&I informed the PWAC that we are currently on a 3-year cycle to survey all occupations statewide.</p> <p>Discussion included concerns that certain contractors based out of state yet working in Washington are not receiving the wage surveys. The reason for this may be that the industrial insurance mailing lists that we use do not include employers that have reciprocal agreements with Washington for industrial insurance purposes. To ensure that contractors are aware of the survey schedule the PWAC recommended posting the survey schedule on the Internet and providing it to mailing list members.</p> <p>Request was made relating to the hours and employers captured by the surveys and the percentage of the market that the survey represents.</p>	<p>L&I will provide survey schedule to PWAC, mailing list members, and post on the Internet.</p> <p>L&I will respond to the request relating to the hours and employers captured by the surveys and the percentage of the market that the survey represents.</p>	June 27, 2002
Update on other recent and future department activities	<p>L&I discussed the need to review the rules for possible updates. The PWAC recommended developing 2 subcommittees to develop a plan for moving forward with rulemaking. The first subcommittee will be for purposes of addressing issues and concerns with WAC 296-127-018 (Material supply and delivery). Roger Boatwright agreed to provide three individuals from Labor and Kathleen Garrity agreed to provide three individuals from business to discuss these rules. The second subcommittee will be for purposes of discussing scope of work descriptions and other prevailing wage rules that need to be addressed. Again, Ms. Garrity and Mr. Boatwright will each provide three individuals to L&I that should participate in this discussion.</p>	<p>Roger Boatwright and Kathleen Garrity to provide L&I with three individuals to participate in discussion relating to WAC 296-127-018 and other rule development advisory groups.</p> <p>L&I to provide an update and proposed plan for moving forward with both of these rulemaking efforts.</p>	<p>May 31, 2002</p> <p>June 27, 2002</p>

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Erosion control prevailing wages	<p>L&I provided an overview of the issues that have come about relating to erosion control. It is L&I's position that erosion control is work covered that has historically been covered under the laborer and not the landscape scope of work description. Copies of the scope of work descriptions for laborers and landscapers were provided to all participants for review and discussion purposes.</p> <p>A presentation was provided by representatives of Northwest Erosion Control and requested the department to consider developing a scope of work description specifically for erosion control.</p>	Continue discussion at the next PWAC committee meeting and possibly incorporate this issue into the rule development discussions that the L&I intends to move forward with.	June 27, 2002
Fiscal (budget) report	<p>L&I provided a budget update for the prevailing wage program. A document was provided to all the participants, which detailed the current allotment, expenditures, revenue and fund balance. L&I informed the PWAC that several efforts have been used to sustain the current fund balance of approximately \$150,000.</p> <p>Requests for more historical and prospective (future expectations) budget information were made by members of the committee.</p>	L&I will provide additional information relating to historical and expected (future) budget information	June 27, 2002
Other topics/roundtable discussion.	Issues with factory assembled structures wage rates was tabled until the next meeting.	Discuss issues with factory assembled structures wage rates.	June 27, 2002